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LAPSE IN MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT IN RML HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether strict instructions had been given to all important hospitals in the capital after September 11, 2001 terrorist strikes in the US to be fully prepared for any terrorist attack and mass scale casualties;

(b) if so, whether serious lapses in maintenance of essential equipments in the Ram Manohar Lohis Hospital came to light in the wake of the attack on Parliament on December 13, 2001; and

(c) if so, the details of lapses detected and the action taken by the Government against officials responsible for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Keeping in view the global scenario, a detailed list of biological agents used as weapons prepared by the Indian Council of Medical Research along with signs and symptoms, likely method of dissemination, incubation period, lethality and the availability of vaccines, anti-microbial therapy and treatment has been circulated to Health Secretary and Director of Health Services of all States/Union Territories and Central Government Hospitals advising them to take following precautionary steps:-

(i) Earmarking of maximum number of beds for emergency contingency.

(ii) Stocking of vaccines/sera/drugs to the extent possible.

(iii) Setting up a special team of doctors for coordinated action.

(iv) Sensitize the doctors regarding impact of such weapon and appropriate treatment.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.